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May Milk Production

In May 2010, Wisconsin milk production rose 6 percent to total 2.32 billion pounds. Milk per cow averaged 1,840 pounds, up 95 pounds from last year. There were 1.26 million milk cows in the state in May, the same as last month and 5,000 more than a year ago. As of June 1, 2010, Wisconsin had 12,723 licensed milk cow herds, down 47 from last month and down 452 from June 2009.

Total milk production in the 23 major states totaled 15.7 billion pounds in May. This was an increase of 1 percent from the previous year. Production per cow rose to 1,889 pounds, 55 pounds more than last May. The number of milk cows in the major states totaled 8.33 million head, 4,000 more than last month, but 143,000 fewer than last year.

Wisconsin had the greatest increase in milk production of any state, at 6 percent. Michigan and Minnesota both had 4 percent more milk than last year, and Pennsylvania's milk production rose by 1 percent. California and New York had no change in production, while New Mexico and Texas both had 2 percent less milk than a year ago.

May Milk Production

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Production % chnge 2010/09
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,256	1,261	1,745	1,840	2,192	2,320	+6
CA	1,815	1,750	1,935	2,010	3,512	3,518	n.c.
ID	553	557	1,910	1,930	1,056	1,075	+2
MI	357	358	1,955	2,035	698	729	+4
MN	469	470	1,680	1,740	788	818	+4
NM	332	324	2,145	2,160	712	700	-2
NY	623	610	1,820	1,850	1,134	1,129	n.c.
PA	547	541	1,710	1,750	935	947	+1
TX	430	410	1,835	1,880	789	771	-2
23-state total	8,475	8,332	1,834	1,889	15,541	15,741	+1

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Cold Storage Stocks, United States

Commodity	May 31, 2009	April 30, 2010 1/	May 31, 2010	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	586,053	609,520	617,236	+5
Swiss	22,102	26,760	27,252	+23
Other natural	362,165	372,011	374,177	+3
Total	970,320	1,008,291	1,018,665	+5
BUTTER	253,310	206,291	211,528	-16
FROZEN				
Beef	417,875	369,485	363,816	-13
Pork	584,544	483,710	448,321	-23
Chicken	641,936	628,907	699,514	+9
Turkey	585,745	422,064	470,451	-20

1/Revised. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

June Milk prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$14.90 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in May 2010, up \$3.30 from May 2009. The June 2010 price is expected to increase 20 cents to \$15.10 per cwt.

The expected U.S. milk price for June is \$15.80 per cwt., 70 cents higher than last month and 70 cents higher than Wisconsin's price. All states were predicting an increase from May to June. Pennsylvania is expecting a jump in price of \$1.00 per cwt., while Michigan and New York are expected to be 90 cents higher.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block price closed at \$1.4025 per pound on June 29, while barrels were \$1.3775 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.7200 per pound.

For the week ending June 19, 2010, the National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.4414 per pound and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.3909 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.6012 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for June will be released on July 2.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected states	May 2009		May 2010		June 2010	
	Price	Fat	Price	Fat	Price	Fat
	per cwt.	Test	per cwt.	Test	per cwt.	Test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	11.60	3.66	14.90	3.59	15.10	3.53
CA	10.31	3.56	13.80	3.57	14.50	3.56
ID	10.10	3.52	14.40	3.57	14.90	3.52
MI	12.20	3.58	15.60	3.53	16.50	3.51
MN	11.90	3.67	14.90	3.63	15.20	3.58
NM	10.70	3.42	14.50	3.42	15.30	3.40
NY	12.70	3.66	16.00	3.62	16.90	3.61
PA	13.40	3.60	16.90	3.60	17.90	3.60
TX	11.80	3.60	15.70	3.61	16.50	3.57
US	11.60	3.59	15.10	3.58	15.80	3.55
WI utilization						
Grade A milk	11.60	3.66	14.90	3.59	XXX	XXX
Grade B milk	11.20	3.77	13.90	3.70	XXX	XXX

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Drop in Tart Cherry Production

Wisconsin's tart cherry production for 2010 is forecast at 4.3 million pounds. If realized, this will be a 61 percent decrease from last year's production. Wisconsin experienced a warm spring and tart cherry trees began to bloom in April. The early start to blossoming this year made the crop very susceptible to frosts that came in April and May when several nights had temperatures in the low twenties. The most-likely factor in a lower production this year is the poor pollination. Rain and cooler temperatures came right at pollination time.



United States tart cherry production in 2010 is forecast at 195.3 million pounds. This is down 46 percent from the revised 2009 production. Michigan, the largest producing state, expects a crop of 140 million pounds, down 47 percent from the revised 2009 crop. The crop potential was reduced markedly by frosts during bloom. Yields vary substantially among varieties. Bacterial canker was reported by growers as a problem in some orchards. Utah production is forecast at 24.0 million pounds, down 49 percent from 2009. A late frost, cold wet spring, and tree fatigue from last year's extra heavy crop resulted in production at about half of last year's record level. Washington expects to produce 16.0 million pounds of tart cherries in 2010, down 4 percent from 2009. Columbia Basin spring weather was predominately cool, wet, and windy this year. Frost was a problem during bloom and conditions were less than optimal for pollination.

Tart Cherry Production

State	2008	2009	2010**
	Million pounds		
WI	0.6	10.9	4.3
MI	165.0	*266.0	140.0
NY	9.6	11.2	6.7
OR	2.8	3.2	2.0
PA	3.9	3.9	2.3
UT	20.0	47.0	24.0
WA	12.5	16.7	16.0
US	214.1	*358.9	195.3

*Revised. **Forecasted. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

U.S. Hog Inventory Down 4 Percent



U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2010 was 64.4 million head. This was down 4 percent from June 1, 2009, but up 1 percent from March 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was down 3 percent from last year but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.6 million head, was down 4 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2010 US pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down 3 percent from 2009 and down 2 percent from 2008. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, down 5 percent from 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.81 for the March-May 2010 period, compared to 9.61 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Wisconsin hog and pig data will now only be published annually in December. To access the entire hog report go to: www.nass.usda.gov/

U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory June 1



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Veal, Lamb, and Mutton Production at Record Lows for May

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.73 billion pounds in May, down 5 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in May 2009.

Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 2 percent from May 2009. The average live weight was down 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,249 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 2 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 60,400 head, down 8 percent from May 2009. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 286 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.62 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.97 million head, down 6 percent from May 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 3 percent from May 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 182,700 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 2 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2010 commercial red meat production was 19.7 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

May 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. May 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/

Type	May 2009	Apr. 2010	May 2010	Jan - May 2/		Change from last year
				2009	2010	
	Million pounds					Percent
Beef	2,179	2,140	2,088	10,561	10,479	-1
Veal	10	11	10	57	56	-2
Pork	1,717	1,849	1,621	9,456	9,077	-4
Lamb & mutton	13	13	13	70	68	-3
Total red meat 3/	3,920	4,013	3,732	20,144	19,680	-2

1/Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Commercial Slaughter 1/, May 2010

Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U. S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	145.4	+8	2,785.5	-2
Calves	6.9	2/	60.4	-8
Hogs, all	43.0	+2	7,969.9	-6
Sheep and lambs	0.6	+20	182.7	-1

1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Prices Received by Farmers

Prices in Wisconsin for steers and heifers, beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, calves, corn, soybeans, oats, and hay other than alfalfa are expected to decrease from May to June. Milk prices are expected to increase during the same period. Alfalfa hay prices in June are expected to be at about the same level as in May.

As of mid-June, the average price Wisconsin farmers received for corn was \$3.30 per bushel, 14 cents below May and 62 cents below June 2009. Nationwide, corn prices averaged \$3.38 per bushel in mid-June, down 63 cents from June of last year.

Wisconsin soybeans decreased 50 cents per bushel from May, for an average of \$9.35 per bushel in mid-June. This is \$1.85 below the June 2009 price of \$11.20 per bushel. U.S. soybeans sold for \$9.39 per bushel in mid-June, down \$2.01 from the June 2009 price of \$11.40 per bushel.

Oat prices in Wisconsin averaged \$1.91 per bushel in mid-June, down 16 cents from May and 13 cents from June 2009. Nationally, oat prices were \$2.02 per bushel, down 35 cents from the June 2009 price of \$2.37 per bushel.

As of mid-June, alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$120.00 per ton, the same as in May. This is \$30.00 more than the June 2009 price. The average price for other hay types, at \$85.00 per ton, is down \$5.00 from May and up \$20.00 from June 2009.

Wisconsin steer and heifer prices averaged \$88.50 per hundredweight (cwt.) in mid-June, \$3.50 below May. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter decreased \$1.20 per cwt. from May, to \$57.60 in mid-June. Calf prices in mid-June were \$140.00 per cwt., down \$4.00 from May.

At the U.S. level, steer and heifer prices in mid-June were \$10.80 per cwt. above June 2009, at \$95.70. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, at an average of \$58.20 per cwt., were up \$12.80 from June of last year. Calf prices, at \$121.00 per cwt., were up \$12.00 from June 2009.

Wheat, barley, and hog monthly prices are not published separately for Wisconsin, but nationally, all wheat sold for \$3.80 per bushel in mid-June, a \$1.92 decrease from June 2009. U.S. winter wheat prices decreased \$1.81 from June of last year, averaging \$3.66 per bushel. Nationwide, barley sold for \$3.63 per bushel, \$1.07 below June 2009. Hog prices averaged \$57.70 per cwt., up \$14.40 from June of last year.

Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		June 2009	May 2010	June 15, 2010	June 2009	June 15, 2010
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk cows 1/	Head	-	-	-	-	-
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	77.60	92.00	88.50	84.90	95.70
Cows 2/	Cwt.	45.20	58.80	57.60	45.40	58.20
Calves	Cwt.	128.00	144.00	140.00	109.00	121.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	11.40	14.90	15.10	11.30	15.80
Corn	Bu.	3.92	3.44	3.30	4.01	3.38
Oats	Bu.	2.04	2.07	1.91	2.37	2.02
Soybeans	Bu.	11.20	9.85	9.35	11.40	9.39
Potatoes, all 3/ 4/	Cwt.	9.60	10.30	-	9.48	8.28
Fresh	Cwt.	-	5.95	-	13.00	-
Processing	Cwt.	-	12.00	-	7.42	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	90.00	120.00	120.00	128.00	119.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	65.00	90.00	85.00	107.00	99.10
Wheat, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	5.72	3.80
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	5.47	3.66
Barley, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.70	3.63
Dry Edible Beans 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	29.80	30.70
Apples, fresh use 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.18	0.31
Hogs, all 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	43.30	57.70

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October.
2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/ Monthly estimates for wheat, barley, dry beans, apples, and hogs are not published for Wisconsin. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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